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4 AUGUST 1983**FIGHTER AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION**
PUNTA HUETE AIRFIELD, NICARAGUA (S/NF)

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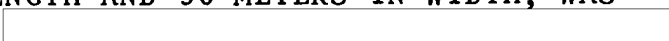
1. SIGNIFICANCE: A DISPERSAL PARKING AREA, DESIGNED FOR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, WAS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AT PUNTA HUETE AIRFIELD IN NICARAGUA ON  (U-2) IMAGERY OF  THIS CONFIRMS AN INTENDED MILITARY ROLE FOR THIS AIRFIELD. (S/NF)

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2. REMARKS:  IMAGERY OF  REVEALED A DISPERSAL PARKING AREA WITH AT LEAST 20 AIRCRAFT HARDSTANDS/POSITIONS (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC) UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY. FIVE OF THE HARDSTANDS/POSITIONS HAVE BEEN WIDENED SINCE THE INITIAL CLEARING OF VEGETATION BEGAN IN EARLY JUNE. (S/NF)

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CONSTRUCTION OF PUNTA HUETE AIRFIELD, 12 NM NORTH OF MANAGUA, HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE EARLY DECEMBER 1982. A PARALLEL CONCRETE RUNWAY/TAXIWAY, 2300 METERS IN LENGTH AND 18 METERS IN WIDTH, AND A PARKING APRON WERE COMPLETED BY LATE JUNE 1983. FILLING AND GRADING OF THE MAIN RUNWAY, NOW 3950 METERS IN LENGTH AND 50 METERS IN WIDTH, WAS CONTINUING. (S/NF) 

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3.  COORDINATES 12-20-57N 086-11-00W (S)

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